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Grant of extension of service to the Dean of the Government College of Indigenous Medicine, Madras.

* 78 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have extended the service of the Dean of the Government College of Indigenous Medicine, Madras, for one more year; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The post of Dean was created only in 1953. Considering the administrative experience and technical knowledge of the present incumbent and the good work already done by him, the Government have decided that he should be continued as Dean for some time more."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know the qualification of the Dean of this Hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" He is a retired Civil Surgeon with post-graduate qualification. He is a professor of Pathology."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I request the Hon. Minister not to encourage this system of extending the service of old people but to appoint new people in such cases? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is difficult to find suitable people with sufficient experience for this post of Dean."

Constitution of a Panchayat Board in Karuvarakkundu amsam, South Malabar.

* 79 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state why the Government have not taken steps to constitute a Panchayat Board in Karuvarakkundu amsam, Ernad taluk, South Malabar?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" A notification constituting a panchayat for this village has been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 22nd September 1954."

Assault on Indian citizens in Indian territory by the French forces.

* 80 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of Indian subjects who received bullet wounds and the number of those who were assaulted by the French forces so far since 1st January 1954 on Indian territory?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" One Indian citizen received a bullet wound, and two Indian citizens were assaulted by the French forces on Indian territory since 1st January 1954."

Constitution of propaganda committees for the eradication of untouchability.

* 81 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Government will constitute the propaganda committees for the eradication of untouchability;

(*b*) the amount granted by the Central Government for this work;

(*c*) the duties of these committees; and

(*d*) who will be the members of the committees?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) There is no such proposal at present.

" (*b*) No specific allotment has been made by the Government of India for the purpose.

" (*c*) & (*d*) Do not arise."

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—" நமது அரசாங்கத்தால் ஏற்படுத்தப் பட்டிருக்கும் தீண்டாமை ஒழிப்புச் சட்டத்தையும், ஹரிஜன ஆலயப் பிரவேசச் சட்டத்தையும் துணையாகக்கொண்டு சில ஆர்வமுள்ள ஹரிஜனத் தோழர்கள் முன்னேறுவதைக்கண்டு ஜாதி ஹிந்துக்கள் ஏதாவது குற்றத் தொழில் செய்து விட்டதாக பழி சுமத்தி அவர்களை அடக்கி வருகிறார்கள் என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? தெரிந்தால் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப் போகிறார்கள்?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" நீங்கள் மூலக் கேள்வி ஒன்று கேட்டுவிட்டு, இப்போது வேறு உப கேள்வி ஒன்று கேட்கிறீர்கள். கேள்வியை நன்றாகப் படித்துப் பார்க்கவும். பின்னர் அதற்கு தகுந்தவாறு சப்ளிமெண்டரி கேள்விகள் கேட்கவேண்டும். நான் இதை அனுமதிக்க மாட்டேன்."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" While answering a similar question the other day, the Hon. Minister was pleased to say that Rs. 15,000 had been allotted to this State by the Central Government for the eradication of untouchability. But on this question the Hon. Minister says that no allotment was made by the Central Government to the State Government for this purpose. Which statement is correct? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" That was a different question, Sir. I said that a sum of Rs. 6 lakhs had been allotted by the Government of India to supplement the large amount that was being spent by the Government of Madras on the removal of untouchability."